

RECORD

notes by James Lincoln
Huntington M.D. fr 1941
re trip he made with
Tom Barbour

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Jan 23
 1941 Left Hedley at 6²⁵ A.M. Took College
 Highway (I thought it turned off at
 East or Southampton instead of Weyfield!!)
 to South of Weyfield cutting out all
 towns. Then the marvelous Merritt
 Highway, & the other Parkways - just
 a bit of New York traffic & then on
 the Holland tunnel. About
 30 miles in New Jersey with
 heavy trucks competing on the
 Road & then a beautiful road
 down through Jersey. Saw a
 herring gull in Brunswick near
 Rutgers. I have never seen one
 as far north but Tom says he
 has but very rarely. We caught
 the Ferry at Pennsville by about
 20 seconds - pretty good to come
 292 + hit it so closely!!
 We stopped for picnic lunch
 which we brought with us at
 the roadside in mid New Jersey.
 We stopped at an interesting
 Pen room in ~~Delaware~~ ^{Newcastle} Del. for a
 cup of very good tea & found the best
 route to Dover also called up
 the Dural Tea room in Dover where
 we made our reservations.

We reached Dover about 4 P.M.
and are very pleasantly situated.

I took a stroll through the
old town & several of the buildings
are very fine especially the
State House and Bridgetown House
— perfect specimens of Georgian
beauty. We had a delicious
dinner and are turning in
early for a start at 7¹⁵ A.M.

Jan. 37

We actually left Dover at 7²⁵
and tried to make the Ferry 158
miles away. We were told that
it took 3½ - 4 hrs. Four hours
would have been too late as a
matter of fact we arrived at
the dock at exactly 3½ hours
20 minutes before the boat left!!
We had a really delicious
lunch on the boat — about as fine
a fillet of sole as I have ever eaten.

We easily made New Blaine
where we commenced our beautiful
run after a run of exactly 348
miles!! I went through the
old town & run quite a lot
of Georgian stuff but
down at the harbor

Turkey buzzards in increasing numbers
 & we went South. Both kinds of
 crow - common & fish,
 a covey of rail in N. Carolina.
 Condor, Mocking birds, Robins &
 Heron calls & King birds in
 vast numbers. Started off
 the boat as we moved over.

Jan. 25
 Temp. 44°

Left the Queen Ann in New Bern at
 7:22 this morning. It rained in the
 night very hard but clear & fine this
 a.m. as we left at sunrise. Saw
 quantities of Robins evidently a
 migrating group. Also clapping sparrows
 & one a two Vesper sparrow; Red
 Tails, Mockers, Turkey buzzards
 crows, Starlings, English sparrows
 a shrike in the telephone wires. There
 were many more birds which we
 could not identify. We came through
 Plymouth stopped at Laurensburg for
 a very good luncheon at Jean's
 and then on through Columbia where
 we lost about 2 hours partly through
 stupidity but also due to traffic &
 the R.R.!! Reached Aiken before
 4:45 P.M. 356 miles in 6 days run.

Crossed S.C. from Laurensburg to Aiken saw no falcons.

Jan. 26
Sunday

Left Aiken at 7²⁰ and came
right through Georgia, Augusta,
Macon, Macon, Thomasville &
then Talahassee & Florida and on
to this wonderful spot Wakulla
Springs! We reached here shortly
after 4 P.M. a run of 357 miles.
We came through marvelous peach
and peach country thousands of
acres of both, that all the farms
were boxed and we found ourselves in
the turpentine & lumber regions. All
Georgia seemed prosperous & so
affluent. En route today we saw a
flock of yellow rumped warblers, migrating
chipping sparrow, meadow larks, Turkey
huzzards, Mocking birds, many cardinals,
a beautiful male vesper hawk in
breeding plumage, shrikes, blue jays,
fox sparrows (T.B.), mourning doves,
after our arrival at this wonderful
bird paradise we saw teal, quail,
mud hens, black ducks, Florida gallinules,
water turkey, coot, & the deer.
Black crowned night (yellow night
crowned heron & white bellied egrets
(coot) named by our conductors.)
Osprey, Duck hawk, Scissor-tail,

Black willow, kingfisher, Turkey buzzard,
 crow, & Fl. Tailed owl. We also
 saw 2 small bats (probably a
 myotis T. B.) and many small
 grey squirrels.

Jan 27 Amphibians, birds & frogs make a night full
 of pleasing sounds for the observer.
 Rain & quite hard for an hour or so. Lights
 dark at 7 A. M. but we started not
 darkly after 8. Tom had a date
 with Gunther of the Fla. Gld. Saw. at
 9 but we started east at 9:38
 We reached Gainesville - a
 beautiful city (but should note that
 Tallahassee & esp. the grounds &
 Bldgs. of the 18 men State College
 are really very very beautiful)
 We lunched at a restaurant & then
 started at once for Silver Springs
 - a really beautiful spring but with
 an absolute lonely Island setting!
 But there is a farmer & his wife
 there by the name of Mr. & Mrs.
 Langrat & is a real fellow
 - was delighted to meet him.
 From Silver Springs we went to the
 Natural Forest and to Juniper Springs
 - much smaller but absolutely unspoiled

Then we come back to Gannville & finally found the Camp & D. White who dined with us tonight. It has been a beautiful mild day, we have put away our winter coats and everything seems like summer. Narcissus, Pansies, Jonquills, pansies, geraniums & roses are out. We saw today a crow, cardinal, Et. Newthorn, blue birds, Thrushes, fanned owl (died only a few minutes on the rd.) Fla. scrub jay, Blue jay, Large & small Egrets, Sparrowhawk, Red shouldered hawk, Indigo bunting, Pine warbler, Mocking bird, ~~Robins~~, Turkey buzzards & Killdeer. Red bellied woodpecker. 369 miles today.

Jan 28 Up at 7 temp just 44 cleared off during day & be a perfect almost cloudless day. Lunched at Arcadia - delicious fried oysters. Made Okeechobee City about 4 P.M. spending over an hour watching the birds on the Kissimmee Prairie. We have seen today three very rare birds 4 Sand bill cranes 4 in the first group that we have seen.

from again rather far off than 5 very
 near a wonderful sight. We saw
 2 glossy ibis just behind the
 first bridge and about 7 (or 8) black
 kites one so near we could study
 carefully the marking on it held
 itself into the wind. We also
 saw 1 double hawk, 1 owl (medium
 & short eared) many marsh hawks, numerous
 yellow throats and a few old
 shouldered hawks. Large & small (fish
 eaters) many herons & ring billed
 gull on Lake Okechobee. Black
 head & dusky ducks, manycott.
 Louisiana (a few) ^{herons} American &
 many Egrets and many Marsh
 hawks. Mocking birds, blue jays,
 Jacksnipe, mourning & ground
 doves, shrikes (numerous) many others
 (many) Black Vultures &
 Turkey Buzzards, Winter Yellow
 legs & many red wing Blackbirds.
 Clear night up at 6¹⁵ (and on the
 road by 7³⁰ temp about 50 clear
 morning saw a bell eagle on a post
 on the drape and shortly afterwards
 a marsh hawk and another bell eagle
 then a cora cora (magnificent eagle) in

Jan. 29

all before the morning was over, we
 must have seen at least 20 of
 this rare and beautiful bird & we
 stopped the car within 15 feet of a
 female perched beside the road and
 watched her for at least 4 minutes.
 We saw a hummingbird perched
 its hole & watched for several
 minutes through the glass. We
 saw a flock of thirty or forty
 glossy (purple) ibis. Besides
 these rare birds we saw quantities
 of the heron family. We saw
 white ibis in flocks flying and
 several on the ground. Many
 pintails, large & small egret,
 blue heron, wood heron, downy
 heron, dusky duck, black head,
 teal, coot, wood duck, yellow
 legs, hundreds of others. Red shouldered
 hawk, sharp hawk, sparrow hawk,
 Everglade kite, water turkey, kingfisher,
 jaegers, black outlaws, turkey
 buzzards, vireos, mourning dove,
 quail, mockingbird, cardinal,
 meadow lark, fish and dogs
 crow, quail catfish in Everglades
 at least four and after our arrival

at David's a cat bird, and the Florida red tailed hawk. We had a rather rough & exciting ride from Sabal to Everglades because of construction work but we saw a lot of things. Lunch there was a great success red fish - very good. Marion & David were most cordial and Marion had some crab & pompano for dinner - precious! We are turning in early after a long day. Tom reminded me that we saw a pelican on the Tamiami Trail.

Jan 30 Cool morning 51. Went to Fairchild Gardens - really remarkable that so much has been accomplished in such a short time and in spots of this tropic forest of a year ago. After lunch we went with the Montgomerys down to the Univ. of Florida Experiment Station where we saw many subtropical plants and fruits ate some delicious fragments Had turtle soup for supper. Frogs legs for lunch & they were the best I ever ate. There are 3 tarantulas in our quarters but all small.

Jan. 31

Another cool morning & a sunnier
 and a very beautiful sunrise I saw
 from the dining room windows
 with the royal palms reflected against
 the column pink and silver grey over
 the water! Went to market for
 fresh vegetables & meat. Then to the
 garden & Col. Montgomerys where I
 watched my first game of Badminton.
 Then Tom & I went to the new municipal
 or Dade County Beach and a beautiful
 affair it is almost finished. We
 had lunch & bottle steaks for
 lunch very delicious. In the
 afternoon after a brief nap
 we went back to the garden where
 I saw my first red capped
 woodpecker. Then Tom David &
 I called on Mrs. Sumner &
 the children then back to the
 garden to see if they had
 shreds water for the new pool
 & they had but it was at least 10 ft
 deep! We had yellow bass for
 dinner. I thought there could not
 be good as pompous but was told
 that they were not! Thank you
 Constant & Sally.

- Feb. 1 Spent the early morning shopping or rather marketing. Then we were at the Fairchild hardware interestingly occupied in making a foot - found water only 85 parts salt in a million which is about the freshest water ever found in Dade County. Spent a good part of the afternoon cruising around Coral Gables - went to the swimming pool. Tom & I dined alone on lobsters - very good.
- Feb. 2 Went to early church. We think the Bp. celebrated. Then we went to Hollywood to call on Prof. Baubry but found he was spending the morning in his yacht. After lunch we took David & Ned back with down to call on Frank Chapman the great malacologist - it was a most interesting experience. He told us of seeing a 'black hawk' & a white hawk - two phases of the same species in the same tree just a few days ago - but he had never seen before. Tom cooked fillets of beef for supper & they were superb.
- Feb. 3 Warm night 63° this A.M. - no cast and looked like rain. Regents

Feb. 3
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rain about 10 A.M. after we had nearly finished the morning shipping tour. Mr. Pett's from California who used to be in the road for Mellins & Co and I think still is doing the same for Hollies malted milk came to dinner. His hobby is collecting remipacines stones cutting & polishing them! He brought some very remarkable spalls also California jade he gave each of us a specimen of the latter. He also gave me a very handsome blood stone that being the birth stone for March.

Feb. 4

Carl & I went to Holly wood to see Bob. Had a delicious lunch. He is of course tremendously fat but he looked better than expected. He seemed very glad to see us. Mr. Swingle from the Dept. of Agriculture a distinguished woman and first man - it was he who produced the hybrid Tangelo - arrived

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In the festivities. He is a most interesting and delightful fellow about 66 having just retired from active Government Service. I showed my Hadley pictures in the evening and all seemed very interested. Ned Bowditch had been in Arkfield and knew little Southampton but did not know the Sullivans.

Feb. 5

Milder temp 56 at 6³⁰ this A.M. Had breakfast with Swingle, or rather he joined us just as Tom & I were finishing ours. We went to the curb market & Coal Gas for our marketing. Tom went to the garden to dictate letters & I did errands & got my hair cut. After lunch the Mangelsdorfs arrived - they are going to Cuba with us & is also Dr. Merrill whom we met later at the gardens. We spent a very pleasant afternoon at the garden & the Montgomerys. Tried my new gin drink & alleged it was good. Halcyon & spruce gin & water.

Feb. 6

Went to bed early. Rained a good part of night but now after breakfast it looks as if it would clear for the festivities of the day. Went to market in Canal Harbor then to the Colli & took Dr. Merrill to the F. T. G's. Where I'm telephoned Washington then I did some errands in Coconut Grove. It is now at 11 a.m. a perfect day bright clear. The annual meeting was a great success as was the luncheon at the Montgomery's. Dr. & Mrs. Stillman arrived while the exercises were in progress.

Feb. 7

Rained very hard in night. Cleared off in mid morning. W. very nearly Dr. Stillman called after breakfast we went to Creek market and Capt. Toms. Then went nearly down to Homestead & see the fields of timetrees. Then did final errands at Coconut Grove. I have seen nothing like daily here and at the F. T. G's old palm warblers and sparrow hawks. Every day at F. T. G's we see great catches and usually

Feb. 7 a outtailed hawk but no
cardinals not a single one
at Crownst Grove this week
we have been here. We are off
for Gaba this P.M. We telegraphed
to Josephine & Pat Harris who
are married this P.M.

Feb. 8 We crossed to Ibarra very
comfortably we went on board
as soon as they would let us
and our car was practically
the first put on. We noticed
several racehorses in temporary
stalls on the dock. We pitched
a little - once or twice considerably
during a period of about 2 hours
but neither Tom nor I had a good
up at 6³⁰ as usual. Very poor
breakfast - I chose wrong for
eggs & bacon the eggs were
hard boiled the bacon rancid!!
We were late leaving Miami in
account of the horses and we
were over an hour late getting
into Ibarra. The delay
of getting off the boat was
very tedious. Mom's car
and the whole show was

enveloped in mist as we came
up the harbor we were unusually
long waiting on way into the
city. Getting our immigration
card was delayed very much
because they seemed to be hunting
for some one they could not find.
(There had been a threatened revolution
with the escape of several prominent
officials to America with serious
charges hanging over them)
When finally we did get in there
we met Marion Hennigues and
Fr. Lion and two of the Guatemalan
fellows that were at prison.
We had to wait until all the
buses were taken off and the
baggage taken and the platform
matted down and as we were
the first on board so our car
was the last to come off. Actually
we were 2 hours in Havana
before we got started in the
beach wagon. The Slettenmans
and Dr. Merrill left with
the Chinaman and his family
half before we did. Marion Hennigues
jerked us out of the city before

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pm

from San Francisco where real
country driving and better roads
prevailed. Tom had secured sandwiches
(cuban mixed - meat cheese & lettuce
- good but very heavy & dry)
also small thin skinned delicious
bananas. Mangelof drove while
the rest of us ate our lunch and
then I took the wheel for the
next fifty miles or so. The
road was badly crested in the
middle at times and we had
to be on our watch. We ran
through places where it had
rained recently and once or
twice there was enough
precipitation in the windows
to make the wind shield wiper
happy. I drove as far as
Matanzas where we stopped
and had a delicious glass of
Pineapple juice at the Hotel.
The view of Matanzas as we
came down the long steep hill
was very beautiful. There were
no regular boats in the harbor
and the city seemed very
sleepy. The last time we were here

there were two large steamers
 in the harbor and the towns seemed
 much more active but Tom said
 that even then it was on its last
 legs as a port. Mangrove here
 for the next hundred miles until
 we stopped for gasoline and then
 I drove the rest of the way. We made
 excellent time leaving the
 outskirts of Havana at 12 O'clock
 we reached ~~Barcelonnette~~ ^{Barcelonnette} where a
 distance of 227 miles at 5²⁵
 they reported nearly an inch of
 rain yesterday and several light
 showers today. We saw plenty of
 mockingbirds, meadow larks,
 sparrow hawks, Turkey buzzards of
 course, jacksnaws, royal
 marsh hawks, mourning doves
 and tonight I heard barn owls scold
 and a Cuckoo.

Feb. 9 Beautiful night but windy with
 an occasional squall of wind. Sharp
 shower over by 11 AM. Wind this morning
 between 6 & 7. Heard Cuckoo early
 this A.M. Rained off and on during morning
 in p.m. of this we went to garden about
 9 A.M. and saw a lot of beauty and

Feb 9 interest in spite of rain. Birds seen
 were Turkey buzzard (several) juncos (few)
 (I only saw 2 young one) Blue heron (many)
 Kingfisher (1) American Egret (2) Sparrow
 Hawk (several both places), Mourning
 dove (many) Jacksnipe (many)
 Acorns humming bird (at least 6)
 Little Tom Fox (E.B. tit - Blackcap cant.)
 several. Blue Thrush (1 T.B.)
 Redstart (T.B.) Prairie Warbler (several)
 Cuban Oriole (many)
 Grosbeaks (many) both varieties.
 Black & white creepers (1 T.B.)
 Black ~~bird~~ ^{throat} blue warbler (many)
 Mocking bird (many) Naticatites (several)
 Purple Gallinule. Meadow lark (many)
 Florida Gallinule. Palm warbler (several)
 Ground dove (many) Lizard cuckoo.
 Linphins (3) Philox ~~bird~~ ^{bird} ~~bird~~ ^{bird} (4)
 Palm oriole.

Feb. 10 Up early as Tom wanted to take
 Dr. Merrill & Stettin to market in
 Genesee. After breakfast I watched
 the birds about the house, palm
 warblers, sparrows, tit, 2,
 moths, & mourning doves (many)
 ground doves (4), lizard cuckoo (3)
 redstart (5) Jacksnipe (many) Great.

Feb 10 catches vocal, green woodpecker
 (2), Purple gallinule (2) Florida Gallinule
 (2) Tree toad (3) Eucalypt (1) Great blue
 heron (1) Small blue heron (8)
 Turkey buzzard (many) Redstarts humming
 bird (vocal) Meadow larks (many)
 Jacana (4) Lophia (2) Barn owl (1)
 Blue Thrush (1) Cuban oriole (3)

Feb 11

Rained very hard all night but
 now after breakfast her really
 cleared off - the sky, gentle
 breeze, warm sun - the mountains
 sharply defined against sky.
 Birds in early morning were an
 sparrowhawk⁽⁵⁰⁾, rail, palm warbler⁽⁵⁰⁾
 modern⁽²⁰⁾, few birds⁽⁵⁰⁾, black thrush,
 blue warbler, great catfish⁽¹⁾, T. (10)
 parula warbler (2) Oriole⁽³⁰⁾ grackles,
 Turkey buzzard (many) Blue winged teal (3)
 Green heron (abundant place) (1), Maryland
 yellow throat (1), Yellow bellied sapsucker (1)
 Solitary sandpiper (1), Purple gallinule
 King rail (1), Mourning dove (200),
 I'm quite unexpectedly ~~to~~ the mangrove
 to Cienfuegos for lunch. Before that
 T. & I went down to the Viareggio and had
 a very nice 'brisk' with Mr. Hughes.

Feb 11 We signed the guest book! It began to rain about noon and kept on for about 3 hours. I heard from Sally - all about the wedding (P.H. & J.E.)

add Ground and (Wood) Jacana (3)
 Iguanodon (1), Little Blue (10), Barn owl (2)
 Feb. 12 Went to Cienfuegos to market. Early this A.M. the storm hit in and almost again after a night of rain.

Mrs. S. found an Episcopal Mission which closed up about an hour so we were very late in the garden. Morning score! Turkey buzzards, Parula warblers, great patches, barn owls, green hawks, palm warblers, mourning doves, Blue heron, Florida gallinule, King rail, mocking bird, sparrow hawks, jay birds, ground dove, meadow lark, Lincoln, redstart, tody, black throated blue warbler, black & white creeper, blue thrush, Todi, Russet hummingbird & (then last I saw in the Seboruco)

Feb. 13 Tom, Dr. McNell & I went to Santa Clara today after spending an hour or so in Cienfuegos. We had a beautiful trip and a very good lunch. In the afternoon I went to the garden. Lincoln, great Egret, Little blue heron, Turkey buzzards, sparrow hawks, Florida gallinule,

Feb. 13

magnolia
warblers

little grebe, mocking bird, mourning dove,
ground dove, ~~black-throated~~, black-throated
blue warbler, ~~black & white green-backed~~,
perula warbler, Maryland yellow throat,
juncos, palm warbler, grass quits
2 species, great catbirds, Little Tom Foot,
oriole, kingfisher, redstart, meadowlark,
cattail, Wood ducks, & Brandt Hawks (13).

Feb. 14

Saw three barn owls in the Royal palm
just outside Havana once just after breakfast
heard them earlier but could not see them
in the dusk. At half past eight we
started on truck car for the Panama
landing. We went down the
winding river, Caonao, to
the harbor. En route we saw
Lizard cubs, juncos, etc., mocking
birds, little blue heron, Wood Stork,
Water Turkeys, Cormorants, pelicans,
Tropic birds, Royal Terns, kingfisher,
Great Egret, Cuban Green heron,
Purple Gallinule, Grebe, Blue
mixed teal, Solitary sandpiper,
Turkey buzzards, mourning dove, ground
dove, ~~black & white catbirds~~, Magnolia's
warbler, sparrow hawk, dunlopia, meadowlark
Rufous humming bird.

We went all the way down the bay &

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around the hill where we found considerable well & some peaches. Shuffled a little water. We stopped at La Jagua - an old Fort built centuries ago to resist pirates - at times abandoned and now occupied by the Cuban army as a fort. We had a typical Cuban lunch after seeing all the gruesome pictures as well as the haunting charm of the old fort. Then we crossed the bay to where Mr. Hughes used to have a summer cottage then we cruised along the bay stopping at the yacht club for a few moments and then back up the River at home on the beach car. Then after a glass of orange juice at the Vivenda we said good bye, a rather good night to Mr. Hughes & came home about 4 P.M.

Feb. 15

The Stillmans left for a day in Camaguey (to see the Episcopal Mission there). Tom Merrill & I went to the garden ^(Garden 34) morning across Bain rock, picking out (2), Turkey buzzard, mockingbird, yellow hawk, Tole, Oriole, palm warbler, gnatcatcher,

Feb. 15 Myrtle warbler, Tody, Catbird (Sp. Pr.)
 Fruit finch, Cuban red-winged blackbird,
 Zonal Cuckoo, red start, Picardichanna
 meadow lark, Florida gallinule, Grebe,
 blue winged teal, black throated blue warbler,
 myrtle warbler, Great Egret, little
 blue heron, mourning dove, ground dove
 jay birds, Jacana. In the afternoon had
 rare chance to thoroughly study the
 Catbirds at very close range. Also
 Parula warbler, Maryland yellow throat,
 grouse (sparrow), Cuban lark, ^{green} green,
 Lutescent, & little Tanager. We
 had a rare opportunity to study the
 by rodent of this region the butia
 we saw Female with nursing young
 & male & watched them over a period of
 at least 20 minutes. The Female did
 not seem at all disturbed and
 we left her at about 10 ft. distances
 still out of her retreat as we walked
 away. We also saw many leguins,
 one at least 9 inches long - very
 long

Feb. 16 Dr. & Mrs. Popenoe arrived at an
 early hour by automobile. We both
 had a delightful day with them.
 My life of Uncle James for Mrs. S. enrico

Feb. 16 by mail. / Not seen just the ordinary
 run of birds today as we have just
 made the rounds to clear the Pope
 the garden. Had a beautiful view
 of a great Egret flying low about
 20 feet above our heads. Day started
 at cool 57° at 6¹⁵ A.M. but the
 sky being cloudless it warmed up to
 a 75° at 3 P.M.

Feb. 17 Pope & his charming wife left early
 much to our sorrow - they are a
 grand couple. Went to the
 market with Menill & Strunk
 - market was appalling. Arrived at
 the miles of a harbor stormily
 displaying his waves. Reminds
 the law but found the inspectors
 had started at Syracuse University
 and he was satisfied with our
 papers. Went with Menill to
 a tobacco - cigar factory - where
 Menill bought a hundred cigars,
 we were royally treated. We came
 back just in time for breakfast.
 When breakfast was over we
 moved around until after the
 mail when we went to the Saver
 and saw the United States again(?) but Shitman

Feb. 17 could not get a specimen. Saw a lot of birds, my first real chance to study the Blue throat - a very real thing. It is just about the most beautiful small bird we have. Saw Maryland yellow throat, redstart, gnatcatcher, Parula warblers, White Tom Foe & well.

Feb. 18 This morning early the two barn owls settled down as usual on the Royal palm as daylight came. A little while later some 40 great Egrets flew slowly over toward House. A heron or two is wandering across the lawn East of the house. We saw 2 Marsh hawks from the summer house in "Oregon" and if crane overhanging birds were this as usual. The Stillmans and Dr. Merrill left early for Havana and just as they left the two Eugenheims fellows arrived for a visit. This afternoon Tom and David Starbuck went to Cienfuegos to see a lawyer about getting the Gardens incorporated and Mrs. Mangeldorf went along to check. We found some

- Feb 18 excellent pictures post cards of the
"Castillo de Jagua" where we
went last week by boat. Also
2 more views of "Paraná House".
- Feb. 19 The "boys" from Paraná Carlos
Garcia and Guillemo Aguiar
Guggenheim fellows left this
morning. I turned & drove them
to the station in Genfuegos.
After marketing our cat around
until lunch. In P.M. went to
the garden - it was hot and
stuffy & we saw so many more
of the species of birds including
the King rail, the Green heron,
the parula warbler, the tanager.
I am identifying the "little Grebe"
which I have before entered on
the Red-billed Grebe. Podily. Podiceps.
We had a wonderful chance to
make a thorough study of the
Tody at very close range - the
most beautiful bird in Cuba. We
saw several specimens very tame
indeed. The Huteas were not out at
all. 2 Cat birds, lizard cuckoos
and the Red thrush.

Feb. 20 Warm night 67 at 6 A.M. went to

Feb. 20 Market early getting there about 7¹⁵ and found much better supplies got a fine snook for dinner tonight, string beans, cabbage egg plant squash etc. The fish was 10 cents a lb.

Dr. Ammons from Kansas University came out this morning and we made 2 trips to the garden morning and afternoon - he seemed quite interested in birds and we showed him a lot - the tan oaks, Linphone, snowing dove, ground doves, Jacana, Florida cockatoo, Grays (pied), blue heron, great Egret 100 of them, green heron, blue heron, Redstart, black-throated blue warbler, great catbird, green woodpecker, tody (a big study) little Tom fool, grass quets, tols, red winged black, junc birds, cat birds, Mockers, meadow larks, black-throated warblers, Kingfisher, grey king bird, sky and cuckoo, land quails.

Besides this we saw the Hutches 2 of them one within 15 feet of the Summer house. Would note that we watched a Pigeon not far from 15 minutes which intrigued our guest enormously.

Feb 21 Went to market early with Stenck
 stopped to leave Tom & the Virens &
 just passed the time of day with Bell Clopin.
 When we came back from market we
 stopped & picked up Tom & the Clopin's
 and went up to the garden. Met
 Helen and her friend 'Squidney' who
 turned out to be my baby Mary Monell
 of Dedham! She apparently knew
 it as well as did I. it was a very
 pleasant introduction. In the afternoon
 Father Leon and Fr. Victorin of
 Montreal arrived and we went through
 the garden thoroughly with them.

We saw two new birds @ snipe and
 the Kingbird. We also saw 2 Killdeer
 and a marsh hawk as well as a
 wedge tailed blackbird. We saw all
 the other usual birds including the
 turkey. Rained a little and was
 overcast a good part of the day
 - did not see any Huteau.
 Called on Mrs. Atkins who was very
 kind and she said that she was sure
 that Papa & Mamma were here in
 1884 rather than 1885 which was the year
 Helen Clopin thought they must have
 been here.

Feb 22 Stomachs were at 2³⁵ and
 the Southern Cross was to be
 seen in an agreeable sky - stars
 as big as saucers. It was well
 above the horizon. I certainly
 am glad to have
 seen it. I agree
 that it resembles with Mrs. Major
 and Orion. Today dawned clear
 and fine temp at 6³⁰ 66°.

Went to garden very early with the Bros., dog
 rule, Tom says that Putnam is one of
 the greatest Botanists in the entire world
 and the strongest man on the Faculty of
 this Univ. of Mont. We saw many Egrets
 on our way and the two most beautiful
 offspring of yesterday!! Left them at
 the garden and came back to get Mrs.
 Atkins. Then I took Mrs. Atkins and
 Bros. Lion back & then went back
 to the garden for Tom & Bro. V. We
 had an interesting morning but saw
 little wild life! Bill Clapton showed
 me his horses - horses, 1 his horse - a
 mare is one of the most beautiful saddle
 horses I have ever seen. It was a real
 sight here at Soledad. In the afternoon
 Stanley & I took our dinner guests

Feb 22 to the train & I bought some rum
for home. (got cheated out of 40¢!!!)
Came back to find Tom at the Gardens
with the Morel's friends of the
Hennecells. It has been a beautiful
mild day with a nice breeze. Tom
reported that the Hutches did not come
out at all today. This is next to my
last day here and I am feeling a bit
homesick.

Feb. 23 Tom & I went early to the garden and
went around with the Mangrove. We saw
several birds and one brand new one - the
Lourens Water-thrush which we watched
for many minutes through the glass
and Tom definitely identified. We
also watched the King rail (both morning
and much longer in the afternoon - this
bird was 20 years 5 yrs. ago we only caught
one fleeting glance of ~~her~~. - a really
beautiful bird & very shy & rare)
We saw a lot, many limphins &
I saw 3 quail! The blue thrushes were
thick. I saw several Tom's (silly)
& hotshot tailed black birds. We both
breakfast at the Viceroy - Mr. Atkins
is quite sure that Pa & Ma were down here
in 1883! We had a delicious meal and very

Feb. 23 good fun. We took Matthews to the
Garden and said a very affectionate
farewell.

